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Listed below is a previously filed, and co-pending, US Patent application. This application and the present application are commonly owned:

- (1) US Patent Application No. 10/955,567, filed September 30, 2004, now US Patent Publication No. 2005/0129761 A1, published June 16, 2005.

A Spanish-language copy of document R (I.C. RODRÍGUEZ, Sistemas de liberación Bioadhesivos (Bioadhesive Release Systems, Bioadhesive delivery systems), *Ars Pharmaceutica*, 41(1):115-128, 2000), with an English-language translation, is enclosed herewith. This document was relied upon in Observations filed in the Guatemalan counterpart application of co-pending and commonly owned US Patent Application No. 10/955,567. Briefly, Rodríguez provides an overview of bioadhesive release systems, including the use of bioadhesive polymers including hydroxypropyl methylcellulose.

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